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FUTURE ENROLLMENT VIEWED IN REPORT

Since the School Survey Report has been issued further information has come to hand which clarifies some recommendations. To secure the maximum degree of fireproofing and upon a closer inspection of the rising costs of construction the Committee now amends its recommendation on financing to advocate the Town raising \$75,000 for the building to be on the safe side, though realizing the probability of State aid from the next legislature.

It must be remembered the Committee's report is a broad outline of present and future needs with recommended remedies based on the best information obtainable. Further development of details of finance and construction must be left to the proper constituted authorities.

Another installment of the report of the Bethel School Survey Committee follows:

Overcrowding the Primary Problem

From the first much of the work of the Committee has been in studying ways in which overcrowding of classes can be prevented. Teachers find that they can get the best results if their classes number below 25 pupils. With less than 25 pupils a teacher will have a good opportunity to give each the individual attention and help necessary. Tests show that the average students of these large classes do just about what is expected of them, but those of low and superior ability show a degree of achievement much below that which is expected. This is largely due to lack of sufficient individual help by the teachers. The larger the class the greater the tendency to fit the instruction to the average pupil. The teacher has little time to do otherwise. Therefore, at the first regular meeting it was agreed that the aim of the committee should be to keep the class size down to between 20-25 for the primary grades and between 25-30 for the upper grades.

By further study it was found that to meet this standard it would require, right now, the use of four to five more classrooms with the need of an additional two rooms by 1952.

Top scorers were Milton of 150 with nine, Crocker of 164 with six, and Ronald Estes of 130 with four.

IN AND ABOUT BETHEL

Mrs George Lothrop is ill with virus pneumonia.

Wayne Perry and Carla Grover have the German measles.

Sharon York has returned to school after an illness of chicken pox.

Mr and Mrs Chester Briggs are enjoying a three weeks vacation in Florida.

Mr and Mrs Leon Enman have been in New York several days on business.

Table II—Pupils Due to Enter as per Census

Total large South West East
1950 50 33 7 7 3 7
1951 48 25 4 6 3 4
1952 68 51 7 4 6 6
1953 62 43 5 2 2

NOTE—The census showed 47 for an age to be entering in 1942. Actually 67 are entered in this grade.

Eleven were repeaters from the previous year, but nine were not expected. It is now known that four of these were just "inlased" in the census. The other five must have moved into town in the year after the census was taken. With these facts now known, it is very reasonable to believe that the number which will enter in each of the next four years will be greater than shown in the above census table.

Table III—Approximate Enrollment in 1933 with Tuition Pupils

Total large South West East
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Same as Above Without Tuition

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Total Village South West East

1934 56 56 — — —

1935 54 — — — —

1936 48 — — — —

1937 44 — — — —

1938 47 30 8 5 3

1939 43 23 4 6 4

1940 51 7 4 6 6

1941 45 3 2 2 2

1942 41 3 2 2 2

1943 31 21 21 21 21

Mrs Roland Glines sprained her ankle Saturday while skiing.

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CHICAGO SEATTLE NEW YORK
SAN FRANCISCO**THE AMERICAN WAY****Here's the Answer**
by DeWitt Emery

One of the principal reasons this country is where it is today on the road to the left from the road away from constitutional government and freedom of enterprise, is that the people who have the most at stake aren't enough interested to go to the polls and vote their views. The consequence of the indifference of whatever you want to call it is that election after election has been won, or lost, whatever you prefer, by default.

Here's the voting record for the last five presidential elections as compiled in *American Elections*. In 1948 only 50% of the qualified voters voted; in 1952 only 63% voted; in 1948 only 60% voted; in 1944 only 51% voted; and in 1940 only 51% voted.

The magazine "Here in Dixie" was compiled as I am and as you probably will be at this evening record and decided to make a survey to see what it would find out.

Richard Coughlin, who is visiting Africa, was selected for the survey and because of the magnitude of the sub-continent class groups were chosen to be checked. These groups were Automobile Dealers, Chamber of Commerce Members, Progressive, Independent, the Free Masons, Members of Rotary and Lions, the Inter-American Bankers and the like.

The magazine stated that it was decided to make a test of the voting record of some of the class groups in Africa and Central America to see the election of the United States. It has a very good and accurate record of the political situation and a democratic organization in Central America to a national level. Most of these factors seemed to indicate a higher degree of public interest than in any other group in the state.

The survey was made following the last presidential election and the one thing was done to take the names of each of the individuals who make up the tested groups and the like. Three names against the official records of the Democratic Party of the United States. These records do not show how anyone voted but they do for the names of everyone who did vote. In some instances the same individual was a member of more than one of the groups being checked and in these cases he was checked only once and counted to the group in which he greatest interest lay.

For example when the survey was made with an Automobile Dealer, 1948 voted 51% and registered. Dealer of Furniture, 1948 voted 53% and registered.

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There is little point out that the like this power of the Mass media, the radio, and other influences was brought about by the wealth and influence of the individuals that control it. It can't happen now. Why not? If the very people who have the greatest stake in our American way of working and living together are

DALE CARNEGIE

AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

Courage Wins

IF YOU ARE worried because you lack a certain charm or great beauty, and if your heart is filled with envy over some other who has one or both, read the story of Lucy Foraker, Omaha, Nebraska, who conquered her own worry and most certainly is making of herself a person of beautiful character in so doing.

She was in an automobile that had a head-on collision with another car. As she was thrust head first through the windshield her face was badly cut. She lay in the hospital for weeks before she was pronounced "recovered."

Well, it didn't seem like a "recovery" to her, for there was a jagged V-scar on her forehead; her left eye was drawn upward on the inner side by stitches; a nasty cut on her lip distorted the shape of her mouth; and her entire face showed that there had been a mass of surface cuts.

Naturally, her self-confidence was shot to pieces. She had to face the problem of readjusting herself to society generally as well as to her friends and business associates.

After she started to work again, she overheard someone say, "Ask the lady with the scar." That remark completely unnerved her. That was her description, that was the way people regarded her now!

She slept little that night; the whole frightful nightmare had come upon her again with full force. Then courage raised its wonderful head. She got her mirror and studied her features. To herself she presented a hideous appearance. Then bravely she told herself that she would have to accept facts. From there she went on to say to herself, "Tomorrow you are going down the street with your head up, and you are going to look directly at everyone you meet. No matter what you heard said you are going to ignore it."

It didn't run too smoothly at first, and day after day she had to battle with herself. But time helped and finally she won and mother nature helped to lessen the disfigurement, while she herself developed strength as she carried out her resolve.



Carnegie

CROPPING IN THE FOG**Crossword****HORIZONTAL**

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PAGING MAMA . . . Clifford Medeiros calls for his mom after their arrival at La Guardia Field from Munich. They are en route to Havana to join Dad, ex-G.I., who returned to Munich to marry fraulein met during the war.

NEW SLANT

Washington Feared Colonists Lacked Virtue To Triumph

GORGE WASHINGTON was beset by terrible fears that the colonists could not win the Revolution and that they probably didn't deserve freedom anyway. This conclusion comes from a letter he wrote his third cousin, Lund Washington.

"Dear Lund . . . I cannot deny myself the comfort of unburdening my mind to you. I know the goodness of your heart."

"Heaven knows how truly I love my country, and that I embarked in that arduous enterprise on the purest motives. But we have over shot our mark; we have grasped at things beyond our reach; it is impossible that we should succeed, and I cannot with truth say, that I am sorry for it because I am far from being sure that we deserve to succeed . . . I would rather be even as I am than tamely crouch whilst others were fastening round my neck. for there is not, in my estimation, so vile a thing upon earth as a human being who, having once enjoyed liberty, to patiently bear to see it taken from him. On these principles, and these only, I first took up arms."

"I know not that I would be apathetic to this high station only to be disgraced and ruined, till about the middle and latter end of last February; when, contrary to my wishes, I found it necessary that we should come to open hostilities against our fellow subjects . . . There are not a hundred men in America that know our true situation; three-fourths of the Congress itself are ignorant of it; yourself excepted, there lives not a man at all acquainted with my peculiar circumstances. The world looks upon us as in possession of an army all animated with the pure sense of liberty, and determined to die rather than not be free. But you know how remote is my judge from all this in the truth."

Soil insecticides to control white worms in Maine cropland are very dangerous to use because of the chance of getting off-flavors in the vegetables grown there.

CROSSWORD

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8	Shaded zone	44 Persistent	63 Paradise
9	Mountain of	45 Persecution	64 Pictures
10	Mountain of	46 Pervading	65 Talking
11	Border	47 Pervading	66 Cereal grass
12	Group of three	48 Pervading	67 Native sheep
13	Stained	49 Pervading	68 What?
14	To crawl	50 War vehicle	
15	Highly sea- soured dish	51	
16	Dy	52	
17	Storage place	53	
18	Small fish	54	
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Answer to LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CIRCLES GLOBE

IN THIS DAY of political cleavages, multiple religious ideologies and various Christian denominations—even split denominations in towns and cities—an encouraging sign of coming unity within Christianity is the world day of prayer.

It is a day set aside for Christians all over the world—in Pocahontas, Iowa, and Delhi, India—to lift a common plea to Christ. The day has a long history.

As far back as 1827, Presbyterian women in the United States were summoned by Mrs. Darwin R. James, president of the women's board of home missions, to gather on a specified date in their own communities for united prayer. Such a day continued to be set apart annually. In the early nineties, foreign mission leaders named a day for united prayer. For many years, the home and foreign mission groups observed days of prayer separately, but in 1919 they came together. In 1920 they were joined by Canadian women, and the first Friday in Lent was chosen as the "day of prayer for missions"—home and foreign.

In numerous places, from missionaries returning to the homeland, the thought of a day of prayer spread until at the request of many, the "day of prayer" became in 1927 a "world day of prayer." By 1950 Christians in more than 90 countries joined in the observance of the day.

The day begins west of the date line in New Zealand and the Fiji Islands, and as the day progresses, new groups join in praise and prayer until some 40 hours later it ends at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island, off the coast of Alaska, 30 miles east of the date line and about the same distance from the Arctic Circle.

All these groups are praying



that Christians may be one in service for Jesus Christ, that barriers of race and class may be eliminated and that all may truly learn to follow Him whose way is the way of life for all men—and that men may find the way by which individuals and nations may live together in peace and understanding.

In 1923 the first offerings of local day of prayer gatherings were received at headquarters. It had been already decided that all promotion should be directed toward the observance of the day and not toward the offering, but free-will offerings have increased from year to year until in 1949 they amounted to more than a quarter million dollars. Mission projects named as the recipients of such gifts are: in national missions, work among migrant and sharecropper groups and religious work directors in government Indian schools, and in the foreign mission field, Christian literature, the eight women's union Christian colleges in the Orient, and work among foreign students in U.S.A. thus furthering causes that

through the years, have become so dear to the praying women of the churches.

The world day of prayer programs have been prepared year by year by Christian leaders of various lands. The two mission groups in 1942 transferred to the United Council of Church Women responsibility for the publication of the world day of prayer programs and their distribution to local interdenominational and other groups throughout the United States. All promotion and correspondence with foreign lands was left with the Foreign Missions Conference. The committee on world day of prayer has on its representatives from the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Mission Council as well as from the United Council of Church Women.

The committee plans long in advance for the observance on the world day of prayer. First comes the task of deciding on the country to be responsible for the program and the finding of an author or authors. The service, when prepared, is mimeographed and mailed by the Foreign Missions Conference in early June to representatives in more than 90 cooperating lands, where it is translated into the languages used in these areas.

It may be written originally in the language of the country where it originated, re-written in English, from which it is again translated into Hindi, Spanish, Greek, Arabic, Chinese, etc. The leaders in each land adapt the form and phraseology in order that the program may meet the needs of the groups by whom it is to be used. The world day of prayer committee prints and distributes more than two million copies of the call and prayer in the United States where some 10,000 communities observe the world day of prayer.

Lawrence Kimball, Clayton Penley and Ray Jewell.

NORTH NEWRY

Mrs. L. E. Wight, Correa.

Walter Lapham of Houlton was calling on relatives here recently.

Lionel Keniston and Dorothy Ann Kimball entertained at a Valentine party Saturday afternoon. Games were played and they served Valentine candies, ice cream and cupcakes. Their guests were Vicki Rich, Bertha Kimball, Norma Jean, Ethel Linda, and Sylvia Sue Kimball, Esther Reynolds, Mrs. Alice Kimball and Mrs. Myrtle Keniston.

Mrs. Merle Stone South Paris, and children were supper guests at Ralph Kimball's. Friday evening and Elwood also visited their grandmother, Mrs. Leah Kimball.

Urban Cormier is staying at Floyd Kimball's to help cut ice.

Miss Earlene Walters has gone to Millinocket to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Logan and boys, were in Norway Saturday afternoon to see her sister who has returned there after three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour McAllister of Bryant Pond, who spent the week at their camp in Newry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Reynolds and children spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ferrin call on friends and relatives in Errol, N. H. Sunday.

Children at the Branch School had a Valentine Party Tuesday afternoon at the school house.

Daniel M. Wight and sons, Eric Tel. 15-2

WEST BETHEL

Pleasant Valley Grange held its regular meeting Feb. 9 with Master Randall Gilbert presiding. A Lincoln and Valentine program was enjoyed by the members. At the next regular meeting Feb. 23 there will be a Washington program and refreshments.

Leighton Brackett and Jim Brackett of Lovell called on Mrs. Burt Brackett Monday evening.

Mrs. Jennie Hutchinson, who has

been at Harrison with her sister

for some time, has returned home.

The fire department at Bethel

was called early Monday morning

to extinguish a fire at the home of

Mrs. Addie Sanborn on the Flat

Road.

Dwight Merrill, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Alfred Merrill, is at the C. M. G.

Hospital for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bennett and

daughter, Miss Coleen Bennett,

were week end visitors in Haver-

hill, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coulombe

have received word that their son

Maurice has been promoted to the

rank of Corporal. He is now sta-

tioned at Blackstone, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coulombe en-

tertained Mr. and Mrs. John Cou-

lombe, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Cou-

lombe and family, Mr. and Mrs.

Tony Coulombe and family, Mr.

and Mrs. Leo Coulombe and Mr.

and Mrs. Roland Coulombe of Ber-

lin over the week end.

Robert Ferry and friend, Jean

Potter, of Lewiston were week end

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Per-

ry.

NORTHWEST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Gard Bennett and

family were in Wilton visiting rel-

atives, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Saunders and

children were in New Gloucester

over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coolidge spent

Sunday afternoon in Andover.

John Angeline went to Upton

one day this last week.

Stanley Coolidge went to see the

Doc Williams Show in Rumford,

Monday night.

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19c

HAMBURG

39c lb.

BACON

16 LB BAGS

17c lb.

SKINLESS

FRANKS

33c lb.

T-BONE

STEAK

59c lb.

Pine State Corn

NO 2 CAN

11c

Pine State Tomatoes

NO 2 CAN

12c

Honeydew Peas

NO 2 CAN

13c

Comstock Pie Apples, 2 cans

29c

BETHEL Imit. Vanilla, 1-2 pt. bottle

25c

Quaker Oats, reg. pkg.

35c

R & W Shortening, 3 lb. can

69c

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SWEENEY—LITTLEHAILE

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Sunday at Wilson's Mills when Miss Eileen Littlehaile became the bride of John Sweeney. The candlelit church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers by LeRoy Olson, Larry Littlehaile and Richard MacDonald.

Rev Ernest Seely of Colebrook, N. H., performed the double ring ceremony. The organ was played by Mrs. Lillian Ripley.

The bride wore a gown of embroidered Japanese silk and carried a bouquet of white carnations and snapdragons. She was given in marriage by her father. They were attended by her sister and husband, Mr and Mrs Francis DeMayo. Clifton Littlehaile, brother of the bride, and John Olson were ushers.

A reception was held at the town hall following the ceremony. Many beautiful gifts were received. Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Carl Littlehaile, Mrs. L. Werner Littlehaile and Mrs. Everett Eames.

Punch was made and served by Ellis Olson. Mrs. Mary Angevine, the bride's aunt, had charge of the gift table. Miss Janet Sweeney was in charge of the guest book.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifton Littlehaile of Magalloway. She is a graduate of Gould Academy and of Peletier's Beauty School in Lewiston. Mrs. Sweeney has been employed at Gilbert's Beauty Salons in Bethel and at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

The groom is the son of Mr and Mrs. John Sweeney of Millfield, N. H. He is a graduate of Colebrook Academy and served with the Marine Corps in the Pacific during the war.

He is attending Cal-Aero Technical Institute in Glendale, Calif., and the couple flew there from New York on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Guests of honor were Mr and Mrs. Clifford Olson, Bridgton; Mr and Mrs. Raleigh Linnell, Rumford; Miss Lily Hatch and Miss Laurette Harron, both of Bridgton; Mr and Mrs. Alvin Angevine; Mrs. Stanley Evans, Litchfield; Misses Janet and Edna Harrington, Northampton, Mass.; Mr and Mrs. Heng, Thomas and Dorothy, Boston; and Nancy and George, Mrs. Sweeney, Rumford, N. H.

MERCHANT—MERRILL

In a ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace J. J. Merrell of Rumford at his home Jan. 21, Caroline Evangelina Merrill of Rumford became the bride of Clyde W. Merchant of Bingham. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill were married at the church attended by relatives. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Gordon Merrill.

Mrs. Merchant is the daughter of Gordon H. and Jessie (Ginn) Merrill. Mr. Merchant is the son of William and Edna (Brewer) Merchant.

The bride wore a grey suit with blue accessories and a corsage of red roses.

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THE CITIZEN OFFICE

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Happenings That Affect the Future of Every Individual—National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare

In an editorial called "Those Hidden Taxes," The New York Herald Tribune observes, "The citizen who grins and bears it each week when he takes note of deductions from his take home pay, or who gulps when he makes the quarterly payment on his income tax, has perhaps mercifully been spared a consciousness of the hidden taxes which fall upon him every day... The problem of tax reform, however, requires know-

ledge on the part of the citizens. It is to the advantage of the individual that he sees through the tax smoke-screen which the experts have laid down—that he feels the pain of what has been devised to be painless."

The Herald-Tribune ran a series of factual articles, by Robert S. Bird, dealing with the impact of hidden taxes on the ordinary taxpayer. It is a sure bet that not one citizen in ten thousand has any accurate idea of how deep these taxes cut into his earnings. For instance, on a \$10,000 house it was found that no less than \$39 hidden taxes were involved in the construction, development of site, and pur-

chase financing. These taxes, Mr. Bird says, were collected by the Federal and state governments from the architect, builder, banks, agents, insurance companies, contractor, manufacturers, jobbers and others.

Hidden taxes are not confined to big purchases like a house. The Tax Foundation found that 151 taxes applied to a loaf of bread. A woman's hat carried 150 taxes. A man's suit came in for 116. A humble egg accounted for 100. Mr. Bird writes: "In none of these studies were local taxes taken into account, nor the Federal and state levies on the various steps behind the supply and manufacturing

point. As an example of how complex the tax-shifting devices work, the economists found that over the length of time an articles remains in stock sometimes determines who bears the weight of a particular tax."

No one knows the actual total of hidden taxes. Estimates indicate they may run as high as \$700 per family per year. And, of course, they come on top of all direct taxes. The magnitude of the latter is shown by the fact that in 1949 the average taxpayer worked one month for the federal government to pay the Federal income tax alone.

The Federal government is the

biggest tax eater by far. It takes 71 cents of each tax dollar, while the states take 15 cents and local units 14 cents. By contrast, in 1933, the Federal government took but 22 percent and in 1939, 39 percent.

What to do about this tremendous problem is a tough question. The Herald-Tribune says: "The overlapping of tax jurisdictions, the continuance of taxes which have outlived their original purpose, the crushing proportions of the tax burden as a whole, require the most careful study... But the first step is to know, and the second is to be aroused."

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EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Bernice Noyes,

Mr. and Mrs. Vic-
daughters, Sally and
in Mechanic Falls v-
Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Car-
son, Robert, were
guests of Mr. Curtis'
band, Mr. and Mrs.
South Parls. They
Mrs. Curtis' parents
Richard Marston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wer-
and daughter, Sand-
and guests at the ho-
elyn Harrington.

Word has been
Lewis R. Curtis, S. L.
rents, Mr. and Mrs.
that he expects to
states on March 11. L-
land-based at Pearl
Ilu, Hawaii, for two
at the U. S. Naval
ply Depot, and now
frustrative and Secret-
expects to be home
time in April.

Mrs. Fred Haines w-
Wednesday to atte-
Lecturers' Conference.

The Farm Bureau
card parties Saturday.
Gladys Tyler will ha-

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EAST BETHEL — Mrs. Bernice Noyes, Correspondent

ALBANY — AND VICINITY — Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brooks and daughters, Sally and Lillian, were in Mechanic Falls visiting relatives, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Curtis and son, Robert, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. Curtis' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pratt in South Paris. They also called on Mrs. Curtis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Marston.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Edmunds and daughter, Sandra, were weekend guests at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Harrington.

Word has been received from Lewis R. Curtis, S. M., by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Curtis, that he expects to sail for the states on March 11. Lewis has been land-based at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Hawaii, for two years, first at the U. S. Naval Medical Supply Depot, and now in the Administrative and Secretarial Unit. He expects to be home on leave sometime in April.

Mrs. Fred Haines went to Augusta Wednesday to attend the Grange Lecturers' Conference.

The Farm Bureau will sponsor card parties Saturday evening. Mrs. Gladys Tyler will have one at her

house for those wishing to play cards. Mrs. Lillian Bartlett will have one at her house for those wishing to play whist or canasta.

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by Addie Kendall Mason
In the Old Dominion Valley,
Where soft southern breezes
blow,
To a quaint vine-covered farm
house

Came a baby—long ago.
Just a tiny laughing youngster,
Bringing love and care and fun,
Destined to be famed in history
As our noble Washington:

Off I wonder, did that mother,
Bending o'er her baby fair,
Ever, of his far off future
Build bright castles in the air.
Now no parent, ever dreaming
Of the life work of a son
But who prays that he be ever
Brave and true like Washington.

Well I know the sun shone brightly
On that long gone winter day
While Potomac's waters murmured
Songs of gladness on their way;
Destiny with skillful fingers

Wrote upon the scroll of Fate
That the "Father of his Country"
Should be Washington the Great.

Childhood's days went by so swiftly;
Where the Rappahannock flows,
Manhood came and midst its vision,
He oft heard the treacherous foes

Who were threatening dire destruction
To the laws, the homes, and land,
Then with courage never daunted
He was Washington the Grand.

Before the meeting the Girl
Scouts: Mary Ford, Rachel Kneeland, Beverly Noyes and Bettyann

Butters gave readings on Scout
Work.

Mrs. Chester Chapman gave out
cloth and yarn for members to
make dresses and mittens to send
to Togus for the Gift Shop at
Christmas.

It was reported that the mem-
bers have completed three layettes

and if anyone has any second hand
clothing they may leave it at
Gladys Bean's child welfare chair-
man. It was voted to make more

Layettes.

Mrs. Alice Gallant and Mrs. Mar-

tin Belanger joined

There will be a President's and
Secretary's Conference at Nor-
way, Feb. 23. The Oxford County
Council will meet at Locke Mills,
Feb. 24.

Entertainment were served after
the meeting. The next meeting will
be Feb. 28, at the Legion Room.

For Cornwallis with his soldiers

Who had fought in storm and
sun,
Here surrendered sword and army
Unto General Washington.

Thus the war of Revolution
Passed into our history old;

Yet still to the growing children
Tales of Washington are told.

How his life was lived so truthful
And no wrong by him was done;

That the people made him ruler—

Made him President Washington.

Wisely, carefully, he guided

Many years our "Ship of State,"

Through its days of infant strug-
gles,

When uncertain was its fate

Always shines the glorious sun

As the "Father of his Country."

We'll remember Washington.

Round Mount Vernon's scene

beauty

Sweeps the perfume laden

breeze;

And the song birds' merry carols

Fill with music all the trees.

But methinks the whispering ze-
phyrus

Floats more gently on, and on,

While the birds sing softer, sweet-
er.

At the tomb of Washington,
Bethel, Maine.

WOODSTOCK HIGH

—Phyllis Hathaway, Correspondent

Friday, Feb. 3, the Woodstock
High boys were overcome by West
Paris 38-29 but bounced back Feb.

10 for revenge with a 62-23 score.
The girls won both games.

Feb. 7 both Woodstock teams
won victories over Oxford. The
boys came out ahead 71-33.

Woodstock

Mills 13 2 23

Dunham 0 0 0

Pettitt 0 0 0

Green 7 2 16

Tyler 3 0 6

N Berryment 4 2 10

Furnum 0 0 0

R Berryment 0 0 0

J Hathaway 3 0 6

Cushman 0 0 0

House 2 1 5

Palmer 0 0 0

Totals 32 7 71

SOUTH BETHEL

Friends and neighbors of Mrs.

Lawrence Sessions gave her a sur-
prise birthday party last Tuesday
evening. Those present were Mr.

and Mrs. Merlin Hinkley and fam-
ily, Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey

and family, Mrs. Hazel Cash, Ray
Lapham, Gertrude Sessions, Ernest
Brooks, Edward Libby, Billy Gor-
don, Margaret, Rena, Hilda and
June Henley, Lawrence Sessions

and family. Many gifts were re-
ceived, also five birthday cakes.

Beans and other games were play-
ed. Refreshments of cookies, cake,
ice cream and punch were served.

Arthur L. Gordon, of Mt. Vernon,

is a guest of his son and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon.

Mr. Roy Wardwell, Correspondent

Mrs. Leon L. Kimball is ill at this

writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inman are

rejoicing over the birth of a son,

Feb. 8, at the Norway Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews, Mr.

and Mrs. Arthur Wardwell and

daughters, Jean and Jane, were

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy

Wardwell.

Mrs. Frances Kimball called at

Leon Kimball's and Roy Ward-
well's Monday afternoon.

Verne Knightly from Bolster's

Mills was a Sunday caller at Ward-

wells.

Girls game: Woodstock 37, Oxford 22.

Woodstock

Mills 5 6 16

R. Hathaway 0 0 0

Green 5 0 10

Tyler 0 0 0

N. Berryment 3 0 10

Furnum 2 1 5

J. Hathaway 3 7 13

House 0 0 0

R. Berryment 1 0 5

Totals 10 14 52

West Paris

J. Perham 3 4 10

Holkkonen 0 0 0

J. Young 1 1 10

Slattery 0 0 0

S. Doughty 1 1 3

R. Doughty 0 0 0

D. Doughty 1 5 7

Totals 6 11 23

Girls game: Woodstock 37, West

Paris 27

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I REMEMBER, when I was a small child, that in the afternoons when mother would be drawing her bath water, one or the other of us children would be sure to ask, "Where are you going?" Mother was always annoyed by this question and would say, "I hope no one heard you — they'd think I never took a bath unless I was going somewhere!"

What Mother didn't realize was that her afternoon toilet never lost its excitement for us because it changed her into a special person. She was no longer just mother, fixing our meals, cleaning the house, sympathizing with our bumps, but a person in her own right. Sometimes she would emerge from her room dressed for calling or going to town, often she merely changed into a fresh housedress, for there was still the evening meal to prepare and four children to put to bed before her day's work was done. But there was always a mark of difference — she had her rings on, her coral beads were about her neck and her hair was done a little more elaborately than in the morning.

The point I wish to make is, that you shouldn't let your children take you too much for granted. Keep their interest, as well as their love, by playing up to them a bit. Nowadays mothers have so many ways of easily transforming themselves — smart cotton sports clothes to don when you discard your morning slacks or housedress, lipstick, inexpensive earrings of many varieties and colors (it used to be that unless you could afford real diamonds or rubies you didn't wear them up yourselves).

BETHEL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

B. G. B. Trims
Woodstock Grammar, 63-50
B. G. B. overwhelmed Woodstock Grammar for their third win of the season 63-30 last Wednesday at William Bingham Gymnasium. The Woodstock boys did their best but Bethel held the lead from the first quarter to final whistle. Bethel led 15-14 at quarter time, 22-16 at the half, and the third quarter found Bethel out front 50-48 to win the contest, 63-50.

A new school record was broken by the 63 counters to the former record of 54.

Paul Fossett broke the individual scoring record with 28 points followed by Herbie Adams with 16. Roy Wermenchuk led Woodstock with 22 points.

B. G. B. (63)
Fossett 14 0 28
Kinsella 0 0 0
Adams 6 4 12
Wermenchuk 1 1 3
Lindquist 0 0 12
Johers 0 0 0
Meredith 0 0 0

B. G. B. Topped by Norway
B. G. B. lost its second game to Norway Grammar Monday night, 19-24, in a close contest at William Bingham Gymnasium. The Terriers got off to a good start leading 7-2 at the first quarter, but Norway came back in the last three minutes of the second period to lead at half-time 14-11. Norway held a five point edge during the third period which ended 22-20 and pulled out in front to win 23-24.

Paul Fossett led the Terriers with 19 points followed closely by Herbie Adams with nine. Howe

White 1 0
Cummings 1 0
H. Bartlett 0 0
Totals 29 5

Woodstock (30)
Cary 0 0
H. Wermenchuk 0 0
D. McInnis 1 2
H. Wermenchuk 11 0
Coffin 2 0
Knight 0 0
Totals 14 2
B. G. B. 15 22 50 63
Woodstock 4 19 18 20

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Sandra Martin, Cerre.

Mark Mills is now staying with Elmer Cole.

Mr and Mrs Guy Parker were callers at Beryl Martin's Tuesday evening.

Helen and Mary Chase and Jason Bennett were callers at Elmer Cole's recently.

Mrs Daniel Cole, who has been ill with bronchitis, is feeling better.

Mr and Mrs Dwight Martin are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Feb. 12.

Mr and Mrs Walter Noyes and son Mason of West Paris were callers at Harold Churchill's recently.

Mr and Mrs Harold Churchill and daughter Christine were in West Poland and Crescent Lake Sunday.

Carl Brooks was at his camp on Twitchell Pond Sunday.

and Kimball led Norway with 12 and 10 points respectively.

B. G. B. goes to Kingfield Saturday and plays Locke Mills at home the following Monday, Feb. 20.

B. G. B. (24)

Fossett, f 4 2 10
Stan. Clough, f 0 2 2
Littlefield, c 1 1 3
Adams, p 3 3 9
Steph. Clough, f 0 0 0
Merrill, g 0 0 0
White, g 0 0 0
Totals 5 8 24

Norway (20)

Kimball 5 1 11
Howe 5 2 12
Carter 4 0 8
Robinson 1 0 2
Dyer 3 0 6
Thayer 0 0 0
Foster 0 0 0
Smith 0 0 0
Adams 0 0 0
Totals 13 3 29

B. G. B. 7 11 20 24
Norway 2 14 25 26

Referees: Sanders, Merrill, Cabaret Held Feb. 8

The yearly Cabaret was held at the Gym last Thursday evening, Feb. 9. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed.

Our guest of the evening was the great hypnotist, Professor Evil-Eye, known in the outside world as Joan Bennett. Her Insane Assistants were Edward Hastings and Harley Merrill. Teddy Carter was dragged up by the assistants as the guinea pig for the Professor's Act.

Lionel Coulombe and Richard Onofrio gave us a swell version of "Baby, It's Cold Outside," "Winter Wonderland," and "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow."

The teachers' act was much enjoyed by the audience. The cast was as follows: Narrator, Miss Varner; Lighthouse Keeper, Mrs Hastings; The Keeper's Daughter, Mr Chapman; The Villain, Mrs Lurvey; The Hero, Miss Varner.

Bulletin board displays on the New England states are being carried out as projects in Social Studies. The chairmen by states are as follows: Connecticut, Mary Kneeland; Maine, Arlan Jodrey; Massachusetts, Joan Conn r; Vermont, Richard Onofrio; Rhode Island, Beverly Onofrio; New Hampshire, Robert Blake.

In English, newspaper reports of interesting events have been written. The best of these, complete with headlines, are on the board for display.

Grade Six

The Sixth grade had their Valentine Party the 14th.

Our gold fish died the 9th and our turtle has escaped many times.

The game committee for this week are Patricia Monette, Mary Jane Spinney, and Robert Lord.

The Red Coats are still ahead in the Spelling Snowball Fight Contest.

We have about 130 Swan Soap wrappers to send away. For every two we send, one cake of soap will be sent overseas. We thank you all for helping us.

We have 64 Maltex box tops. We are going to get two boxes of games. Judy Freeman was out last week but is back now.

Grade Five

We had 100% attendance two days last week.

In the last two weeks there have been five birthdays in our room.

We had our Valentine Party on Feb. 10. We had three cakes and a lot of cookies. We all received a lot of Valentines.

Mrs. Alice McAllister spent the week end in Norway.

Mr and Mrs William Young and family of Locke Mills were Sunday callers of Mr and Mrs Harold Young and Robert Baker and family.

Mrs Merle Brooks entertained at a Stanley brush party Tuesday evening.

Mr and Mrs Chester French of Norway were Sunday guests of the Tiff's.

Mark Wight and Miss Alice Wight of Berlin spent last week end with John Wight and family.

Mrs Irene Wilson called on Mrs Sophie Conner and Mrs Lila Brown Saturday.

The seventh and eighth grades are now having a contest in speed tests for math fundamentals. Percentages of those getting 100% are figured and placed on a chart.

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Grade Seven

Lorita York, Louise Lavallee and Alma Merrill were appointed in our recent class meeting to see about the PTA Box Holders.

Last Friday we decided to have Nada Hinkley, Howard Wolfe and Judith Bowers pass out Valentines.

Billy Coolidge is confined to his

home with the German Measles.

Jane Foster, Grace Smith, and

Patsy Gunther made a Valentine box for Shirley Stearns.

The seventh and eighth grades

saw a very interesting movie, Tues-

day

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UPTON

Mrs. G. A. Judd

Mr and Mrs Judd

Bath called on

S. Judd, Sunday

The Farm Bu-

home of Mrs F.

Wednesday, Feb.

and Mrs Merna

"Milk and Eggs

The Grange me-

sion Saturday eve-

ning of C. A. Judd,

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Corres.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fraser of Bath called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Judkins, Sunday.

The Farm Bureau met at the home of Mrs. Fred S. Judkins on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Mrs. Judkins and Mrs. Merna Allen had charge of the meeting and dinner. Subject "Milk and Eggs Go Together."

The Grange met in regular session Saturday evening at the home of C. A. Judkins. It was voted to serve dinner at the Hall on Town Meeting day, March 6.

Sidney Abbott went to his home in East Sumner for the weekend. W. E. Hicks has bought a Ford truck.

The PTA met at the school house on Friday evening, Feb. 10. Mrs. Doris Browne, teacher, and the older school children presented the program. Mrs. Bertha Lombard assisted Mrs. Browne with refreshments.

LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Mary Mills, Corres.

On behalf of the Locke Mill Grammar School, Mr. Webber and the members of the basketball team wish to extend their sincere appreciation and thanks to the townspeople who donated money for the purpose of purchasing 10 complete uniforms. Many favorable comments have been heard at the various communities where the team has played concerning their neat appearance. Following is a list of those who contributed so generously and willingly: Philip Cummings, Henry Leach, Arthur Valley, Gilman Whitman, Lewis Tirlor, E. L. Tebbets Spool Co., The Men's Club, The Community Club, The American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Herbert Dowse of Roxbury, Mass., sophomore at Bates College, gave a very interesting talk on Christianity among the Races at the church Sunday afternoon.

The Community Club met last Thursday evening with an attendance of 19. The new by-laws were submitted for approval, and two members, Marion Tebbets and Josephine Bartlett, were elected to serve with the president, Lord Noyes, secretary. Marion Swan, and treasurer, Estelle Howe, on a board of directors. The president appointed Dora Ford, Estella Howe and Bertha Davis to serve on a committee for the town meeting dinner. Other committees appointed were as follows: refreshment for next meeting, Georgia Mason and Constance Coolidge; entertainment for next meeting, Carol Jordan and Mira Brown; flower committee Esther Leach; committee on ill people in different parts of the village, Elsie Bennett, Dora Ford, Mary Mills, Josephine Bartlett and Estella Howe. The latter committee met at the home of Mrs. Dora Ford on Monday evening to discuss their duties. The mystery package was won by Estelle Howe. Games were enjoyed with Marion Tebbets and Mary Mills winning the prizes. It was announced at the meeting that the next card party will be held at the town hall on Feb. 22. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

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Nobody's Business

Although there are several matters for consideration at Bethel's town meeting on March 8 which deserve serious thought, the interest stirred up by the report of the School Survey Committee seems to be the most discussed topic. This is as it should be, and the report was issued well in advance of town meeting for this reason. Although at this time of year we have little time to spare for listening and still less for discussions, we understand that the opposition to the project puts up an interesting array of arguments. All this is necessary if the voters are to reach an intelligent conclusion.

Being in favor of accepting the committee's report as submitted, we have yet to hear a reasonable objection to the recommendations. It appears so far that the question's opponents while sincere are in numbers and methods similar to groups which in the past have retarded the building of school houses, or the purchase of snow plows and fire trucks.

As the lady said to the Old Timer:

"I suppose you've seen lots of changes?"

"Yes, and we've been agin every one of 'em."

3-24-50

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

(Contributed)

I am not a school teacher, I have no children, and I own no real estate in Bethel. Thus, the following opinions concerning the new school building project are free from prejudice and of an objective nature.

The committee appointed to investigate the school situation are to be commended for the excellent report presented which successfully establishes the fact that more school rooms are necessary. The majority of citizens grant that a need exists and are sincere in wanting to provide the best education that they can afford. How can we pay for it? This latter side of the question has not been thoroughly investigated. Would it not be wise to have another committee make a report concerning this other important angle?

Is Bethel a rich or a poor town from the standpoint of economics? The wealth of a community consists mainly of its natural resources, in this case primarily agriculture and forests and of the uses made of all raw materials, namely industrial output. Are not the majority of farms in this area operated on a subsistence-only basis? What are the facts about the other farms? What amount of income is being produced by our dairy and crop farmers and what is the outcome for the next ten years? How many of the people of Bethel have been cut over in the last ten years on a sustained yield basis and how much timber is left to produce an income for the next ten years? What industry of a permanent nature has been fostered in Bethel that can be counted on to produce a stable income? Is it not true that much of the real estate of Bethel has been gradually decreasing in valuation and are there any reasonable prospects that the valuation of such property will rise in the next ten years? These are the kind of sound economic questions that any business man would seek answers to before committing himself to any program of expansion.

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The Bethel Parent-Teacher Association voted to buy a bass horn, cymbals and bass drum for the grammar school orchestra.

A Sons of American Legion squadron was formed in Bethel.

Deaths — Porter Farwell, M. A. Paine.

20 YEARS AGO

A meeting was held at Bear River Grange Hall for voters of Bethel, Hanover, Newry, Grafton and Upton to learn about the Three Town Act to enable towns to receive more help in State Aid road work.

In a local basketball game Gould Academy defeated Bridgton High School, 40-7.

Deaths — Mrs. Harrist Herrick, Mrs. Alfred Hobbs, Mrs. Carrie Arno, Daniel E. Bennett.

30 YEARS AGO

The Bethel Board of Health stopped all public gatherings and urged caution because of the prevalence of influenza.

John Westleigh of Mason received from the West a horse weighing 1,500 pounds, said to be the handsomest ever owned in that town.

40 YEARS AGO

J. E. Stephens, dealer on Reo and Maxwell automobiles held an auto show at Rumford.

Rev. A. S. Ladd, prominent Methodist preacher, died at his home in Yarmouth.

The Bethel Creamery was closing because of an inadequate local cream supply. For several months they had been buying cream in Vermont.

50 YEARS AGO

Edward King, Bethel jeweler and optician, fitted five local people to glasses in one day.

Prof. Scott Wight finished his classes in music at Canton, Mechanic Falls and Minot.

Frank Cummings received an order for 25,000 cloth boards, to be manufactured at his South Bethel mill.

Committees to investigate and report. However, modern plumbing, adequate playground, an able and sufficient number of teachers have never yet accomplished miracles. The raising of the level of education is a long slow process. Possibly 10% of the children will fall behind for lack of attention, possibly 10% of the children more fortunately endowed by nature may not develop as effectively as possible, but the 80% in the middle will get along as always and in time become sound reliable citizens. Haste may not pay off in the long run.

The greater burden of the financing of the school building falls upon people who own real estate. Would not some statistics as to what percent of our school children come from families who own real estate be of interest? Possibly some scheme of financing might be devised which would distribute the cost of such a project more evenly over all the population. Possibly the facts might show that the wealth, or lack of it, in this town would warrant planning a less expensive building. In any event, would it not be wise to expand as much time and effort in producing some facts for the tax payers as to how the cost of the building will be met as was expended on proving that the need for a new building existed.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. F. Ernest Smith, Pastor "The Master Approved," will be the theme of the sermon at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. Following the service the official members of the Church will meet for a few minutes to consider plans for the Lenten Season.

Sunday School attendance last Sunday was well up toward the 100 mark. Make it 100 next Sunday by bringing one with you.

Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

February 26 will be Laymen's Sunday and the morning service will be carried on by the Laymen. You will find it worth while to be present at that service.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. K. W. Hawthorne, Minister

There will be a meeting of the Church Council Monday evening at seven-thirty in the Chapel.

The Guild will hold a regular bimonthly meeting Wednesday evening at seven-thirty in the Chapel. Mrs. Isaac Dyer is to be in charge of the program. The hostesses will be Mrs. Willard Boynton and Mrs. John Howe.

"Before Lent Begins" is to be the topic of the Pastor's sermon Sunday at the service of divine worship at eleven o'clock.

The first in a series of Fellowship Meetings during Lent will be held on Thursday evening at seven-thirty in the Chapel.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

The Lesson-Sermon used in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, is available to everyone who desires to study it.

Golden Text: "The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high; he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation" (Isaiah 33:5-6).

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Is baby sitting a headache for you? If so just follow up this clue.

Immediately call B. G. S. 177. Get free baby sitters from 8:00 to 11:00.

From the eighth grade class, Have your choice between lad or lass.

This is your chance to have your say.

If you attend the meeting of the P. T. A.

Mr. Bailey will speak, On the new schoolhouse that week. Feb. 21 is the date, So don't be late!

4-H LEADERS TRAINING CLASS

AT NORWAY FEB. 24

A class for the training of 4-H leaders of Oxford County will be held at the Universalist Church vestry in Norway on Feb. 24. Mrs. Charlotte C. Smith, Extension Clothing Specialist of the University of Maine, will conduct the class. Mrs. Smith will discuss the choosing of patterns and choosing of fabrics and will also give helpful suggestions for the 4-H Style Dress Revue which will be presented in the early spring.

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